

# ABSTRACT

The present invention is intended to provide a vegetable article which sustain initial characteristics inherent to a product with the use of vegetable articles such as hygroscopicity, texture, favorable smell and appearance and in which deformation, color change and emission of an unpleasant smell due to laundry or water washing are inhibited; a product containing the vegetable article; and a process for producing the vegetable article. To achieve this object, the following constitution is employed.

10 Namely, a vegetable article has been subjected to a crosslinking treatment by using a crosslinking agent so as to inhibit worsening in the initial characteristics such as moisture content, bulk density and lightness. A product contains the above vegetable article. A process for producing the vegetable article characterized in that a crosslinking reaction with the use

15 of a crosslinking agent is carried out to inhibit worsening in the initial characteristics of the vegetable article.